

### **REMARKS**

The present invention relates to compositions and methods useful for treating cancer using platin promoter directed gene therapy

The amendment made herein serves to add priority claim in the present application. The amendment made herein does not add new matter because the priority was properly claimed on the Application Transmittal Form.

#### **Amendment to the Specification regarding Priority Claim**

The specification has been amended herein to properly reflect the priority information of the present Application. In particular, page 1 of the specification has been amended to indicate that the present Application is a national stage application filed under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of International Application No. PCT/US99/28613 filed December 3, 1999, which claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/110,844, filed December 4, 1998.

Applicants respectfully submit that the priority was correctly claimed on the transmittal form filed with the present application on May 30, 2001. Further, Applicants respectfully point out that the Filing Receipt indicates that the U.S.P.T.O. recognized that the present application is a national stage application of International Application No. PCT/US99/28613 filed December 3, 1999, which claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/110,844, filed December 4, 1998. Thus the amendment to the specification to add priority claim is not new, as the priority claim was properly claimed on the Application Transmittal Form filed with the present application on May 30, 2001.

Summary

Applicants respectfully submit that each of claims 1-4, 6-10, 29 and 30, is in condition for allowance. Consideration and allowance of each of these claims are respectfully requested at the earliest possible date.

Respectfully submitted,

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